

REMARKS

The Examiner's continued attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 4-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, due to "secondary" being used rather than "tertiary". This has been corrected by amendment to claim 1, above.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 8-9, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wetherell et al. (Wetherell). The rejection is traversed, particularly in light of the amendments to the claims.

Wetherell discloses primary and tertiary mirrors that do not abut one another, but rather have a baffle placed in the location where the mirrors would otherwise abut. Accordingly, Wetherell provides the manufacture and alignment problems noted by the present application concerning the prior art. The primary and tertiary mirrors have to be independently fabricated and aligned. Wetherell contains no teaching that the primary and tertiary mirrors can or should abut one another.

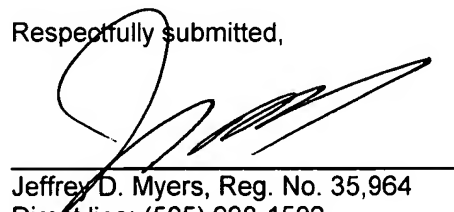
The Examiner rejected the other pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wetherell alone or in combination with another reference. The other references do not cure the deficiency in Wetherell noted above. Note in particular that the primary and tertiary mirrors of Chan do not abut one another. Note further that Wetherell teaches away from the present invention by placement of a baffle in the location between the two separate primary and tertiary mirrors.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been avoided and/or traversed. It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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